AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   A method to send at least one message to a recipient using a ~~cell~~mobile phone and a keyboard of a computing device that is physically separated from the mobile phone, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

identifying a number of available ports associated with devices for transmitting data between the computing device and the mobile phone;

generating a list of the available ports;

displaying a user interface on a display device of the computing device, the user interface having a ~~list~~ user-selectable control including the list of available ports, a destination number field for entering a destination number for the at least one message, a message field, a send button, and a phone book button, wherein the user-selectable control enables the user to view the number of available ports;

~~providing~~ receiving an indication from the user of one port of the list of available ports that is to be used to communicate with the ~~cell~~mobile phone, wherein receiving the indication comprises receiving a selection of the one port from the user-selectable control using the computing device ;

providing a maximum number indication of a maximum number of characters that can be used in each of the at least one message;

displaying a body of the at least one message in the message field in response to a user typing the at least one message with the keyboard;

displaying a destination number of the recipient in response to one of the user typing the destination number with the keyboard and selecting the destination number from a phone book; and

sending the at least one message to the ~~cell~~mobile phone via the one port, wherein the at least one message is sent to the recipient using the mobile phone.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

displaying a phone book interface in response to the user selecting the phone book button, the phone book interface comprising a header row having a name header and a phone number header, at least one name row below the header row having a name field for displaying a name provided by the user and a phone number field for displaying a phone number provided by the user, an add contact button, and an ok button.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 2 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

in response to a user pressing the ok button if one of the at least one name row has been selected, populating the destination number field with the phone number in the phone number field in the one of the at least one name row.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 2 wherein the phone book interface further comprises an import button, the method further comprising ~~the step of~~:

importing contacts information into the at least one name row from the ~~cell~~mobile phone in response to the import button being pressed.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 2 wherein the phone book interface further comprises a delete button, the method further comprising ~~the step of~~:

in response to a user pressing the delete button if one of the at least one name row has been selected, deleting the name in the name field of the one of the at least one name row that has been selected and deleting the phone number in the phone number field of the one of the at least one name row that has been selected.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the step of~~ displaying the interface includes ~~the step of~~ displaying an options button.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 6 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

displaying an options interface in response to the user selecting the options button, the options interface comprising a character encoding selection area and a message logging selection area, the character encoding selection area having a list of character encodings for the at least one message and a selection box for allowing the user to select autodetection of the best encoding for the at least one message, the message logging selection area having a selection box to enable logging, a view log button to view a message log and a clear log button to clear the message log.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 7 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

updating the maximum number indication in response to one of the character encodings in the list of character encodings being selected.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 7 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

displaying the message log in response to the view log button being pressed.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 7 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

deleting the message log in response to the clear log button being pressed.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 1 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

displaying a notification message if a feature enriched communication application is running to determine if the user wants to use the feature enriched communication application.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The method of claim 11 further comprising ~~the step of~~:

transferring control to the feature enriched communication application if the user wants to use the feature enriched communication application.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   A graphical user interface for sending ~~at least one~~a message to a recipient using a ~~cell~~mobile phone and a keyboard of a computing device that is physically separated from the mobile phone, the mobile phone having a communication protocol for transmitting the message to the recipient, the graphical user interface comprising:

a window;

a menu field located within the window and having a list of available ports for transmission of the ~~at least one~~ message from the computing device to the ~~cell~~mobile phone ~~located within the window~~, wherein a user selects one port from the list of available ports for transmission of the message;

a destination number field located within the window and receiving an indication of a destination number associated with the recipient;

a message field located within the window, wherein the message field displays a body of the message in response to a user typing the message with the keyboard;

a maximum number indication field located within the window, wherein the maximum number indication field includes an indication of a maximum number of allowed characters for each message transmitted using the communication protocol of the mobile phone;

a send button located within the window; ~~and~~

a phone book button located within the window; and

wherein the user selects the send button to transmit the body of the message provided in the message field, wherein the computing device concatenates the message into a plurality of message portions based on the maximum number of allowed characters, the plurality of message portions have a consecutive order that is defined based on the body of the message, wherein the computing device transmits each of the plurality of message portions to the mobile device in the consecutive order.

14. (CANCELLED)

15. (ORIGINAL)   The graphical user interface of claim 13 further comprising an options button located within the window.

16. (ORIGINAL)   The graphical user interface of claim 13 wherein the menu field comprises a pull-down menu field.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The graphical user interface of claim 13 wherein the maximum number of allowed characters is ~~message field has a size that is limited to~~ 160 characters.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The graphical user interface of claim 13 wherein the maximum number of allowed characters is ~~message field has a size that is limited to~~ 70 characters.

19. (ORIGINAL)   The graphical interface of claim 13 further comprising an image area within the window.

20. (ORIGINAL)   The graphical interface of claim 13 wherein the list of available ports includes one of an infrared port and a Blue tooth port.

21. (ORIGINAL)   The graphical interface of claim 20 wherein the one of an infrared port and a Blue tooth port comprises one of the infrared port, the Blue tooth port, and a serial port.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   At least one computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for sending at least one message to a recipient using a ~~cell~~mobile phone and a keyboard of a computing device ~~providing a sync notification to a client device~~, the computing device being physically separated from the mobile phone, the computer executable instructions performing ~~the steps of~~a method comprising:

displaying a user interface having a list of available ports, a destination number field, a message field, a send button, and a phone book button;

~~providing~~ receiving an indication of one port of the list of available ports that is to be used to communicate with the ~~cell~~mobile phone;

providing a maximum number indication of a maximum number of characters that can be used in each of the at least one message;

displaying a body of the at least one message in response to a user typing the at least one message with the keyboard;

displaying a phone book interface in response to the user selecting the phone book button, the phone book interface comprising a header row having a name header and a phone number header, at least one name row below the header row having a name field for displaying a name provided by the user and a phone number field for displaying a phone number provided by the user, an add contact button, an ok button, and an import button;

receiving a user input indicative of selection of the import button and, in response, importing contacts information from the mobile phone, using the one port, into the at least one name row;

displaying a destination number of the recipient in response to one of the user typing the destination number with the keyboard and selecting the destination number from a phone book; and

sending the at least one message to the ~~cell~~mobile phone via the one port.

23. (CANCELLED)

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The at least one computer readable medium of claim 2322, wherein the method further comprises having further computer instructions for performing the step of:

in response to a user pressing the ok button if one of the at least one name row has been selected, populating the destination number field with the phone number in the phone number field in the one of the at least one name row.

25. (CANCELLED)

26. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The at least one computer readable medium of claim 23 22 wherein the phone book interface further comprises a delete button, wherein the method further comprisesthe at least one computer readable medium having further computer executable instructions for performing the step of:

in response to a user pressing the delete button if one of the at least one name row has been selected, deleting the name in the name field of the one of the at least one name row that has been selected and deleting the phone number in the phone number field of the one of the at least one name row that has been selected.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The at least one computer readable medium of claim 22 wherein the step of displaying the interface includes the step of displaying an options button.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The at least one computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein the method further comprises having further computer executable instructions for performing the step of :

displaying an options interface in response to the user selecting the options button, the options interface comprising a character encoding selection area and a message logging selection area, the character encoding selection area having a list of character encodings for the at least one message and a selection box for allowing the user to select autodetection of the best encoding for the at least one message, the message logging selection area having a selection box to enable logging, a view log button to view a message log and a clear log button to clear the message log.

29. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The at least one computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein the method further comprises having further computer executable instructions for performing the step of :

updating the maximum number indication in response to one of the character encodings in the list of character encodings being selected.

30. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The at least one computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein the method further comprises having further computer executable instructions for performing the step of :

displaying the message log in response to the view log button being pressed.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The at least one computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein the method further comprises ~~having further computer executable instructions for performing the step of~~:

deleting the message log in response to the clear log button being pressed.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The at least one computer readable medium of claim 22, wherein the method further comprises ~~having further computer executable instructions for performing the step of~~:

displaying a notification message if a feature enriched communication application is running to determine if the user wants to use the feature enriched communication application.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)   The at least one computer readable medium of claim 32, wherein the method further comprises ~~having further computer executable instructions for performing the step of~~:

transferring control to the feature enriched communication application if the user wants to use the feature enriched communication application.

34. (NEW)   The method of claim 1, wherein generating the list of the available ports comprises generating a drop-down menu control that includes the list of available ports.

35. (NEW)   The method of claim 34, wherein at least one of the available ports comprises a wireless communication channel and at least one of the available ports comprises a wired communication channel.